**Emily and the Wedding**

Emily’s oldest brother Bryan was getting married in June. The whole house was buzzing with plans for the wedding. Bryan and his girlfriend Katy had a big notebook where they made lists of things to do and wrote down their ideas. It was stuffed full of pages torn from wedding magazines, with pictures of dresses, flowers, and table decorations.

What a lot of decisions there were to make! Katy and Bryan talked with Mom and Dad about who the guests would be and where they would have the party. They discussed what food to serve. What kind of music should they have? Should they hire a band? What kind of cake did they want? (Bryan wanted chocolate. Katy wanted lemon. Emily hoped they would get a towering white cake with pink flowers like the ones she saw in the magazines.)

When she and Bryan first got engaged, Katy bought a big pile of wedding magazines. “They’ve got lots of great ideas,” she said. She tore out pictures and articles that interested her and put them in the folder. Then she tossed the torn up magazines in the recycle bin.

Emily pulled them out again. She spent hours flipping through the pages, staring at the photos of beautiful dresses, flowers, and cakes. She admired the models who wore the dresses. How much fun it would be to wear the flowing gowns! Emily’s favorite photo showed a bride and a little flower girl. The bride was wearing a white lace dress with a wide skirt. The flower girl had curly brown hair. It was piled up on her head in little curls. She wore tiny diamond earrings. Her dress was just like the bride’s, except it was pink. Her basket of flower petals had a pink lace bow.

Emily longed to be that little girl. She pictured herself in a dress just like Katy’s, her black hair pinned up like the little girl in the picture. She would walk slowly down the aisle, tossing her pink rose petals before her. Every night she waited for Katy and Bryan to say, “Emily, will you be our flower girl?”

But they never asked. Then one night they announced, “Maya is going to be our flower girl!” Maya was Emily’s younger cousin. “Look at the dress we chose for her.” Emily’s mom and dad smiled and nodded at the magazine photo Katy was showing them.

“Maya will look so cute in this dress!” Mom said.

While everyone was looking at the picture, Emily quietly turned and walked to her bedroom. She shut the door behind her and lay down on her bed. Soon her pillow was wet with tears. All her hopes were gone. It was Maya who would wear the pretty dress, Maya who would toss the petals, Maya whom everyone would turn and watch. “Why don’t they want me?” she wondered.

There was a soft tapping at her door. Quickly Emily wiped away her tears. She cleared her throat and said, “Come in.”

It was Katy. She had a pile of magazine pictures in her hand. “Help me choose a dress for my bridesmaids, Emily.”

Emily blinked in surprise. That was an important choice. “Why do you want me to help you?”

Katy gave a little smile. “Because I want to be sure you will like the dress you are going to wear.”

“That I’m going to wear...” Emily repeated. What did Katy mean? Suddenly it dawned on her. Her eyes wide, she asked, “You mean, I’m going to be a bridesmaid?”

Katy laughed. “Yes, silly! You’re going to be my new sister, and being a flower girl isn’t good enough for you. I want you by my side when I say ‘I do!’”

Emily cried again, but they were tears of happiness this time.

1. Which word BEST describes Bryan and Katy?

1. curious
2. ordinary
3. organized
4. relaxed
5. How does Emily feel at the end of the passage?
6. excited
7. lonely
8. misunderstood
9. upset
10. Which sentence from the passage BEST explains why Emily feels disappointed?

1. Maya is going to be the flower girl.
2. The flower girl had curly brown hair.
3. Katy bought a big pile of wedding magazines.
4. Emily’s oldest brother, Bryan was getting married.
5. Which sentence from the passage BEST explains why Katy does not choose Emily to be the flower girl?
6. Katy gave a little smile.
7. She wore tiny diamond earrings.
8. “Maya is going to be our flower girl!”
9. “I want you by my side when I say, ‘I do!’”
10. How does Emily’s mood change after she speaks to Katy?
11. shy to hopeful
12. anxious to guilty
13. nervous to gloomy
14. disappointed to thrilled
15. Why did the author MOST LIKELY write “Emily and the Wedding”?
16. to explain the steps to plan a wedding
17. to describe the best kinds of wedding cakes
18. to tell a story about a girl wanting to be in a wedding
19. to show the importance of saving wedding magazines
20. According to the story, which event happens FIRST?
21. Maya is chosen to be the flower girl.
22. Emily goes to her room and lies down on her bed.
23. Emily pulls wedding magazines out of the garbage.
24. Katy and Bryan talk with Mom and Dad about the guests.
25. Why is Katy cutting out and saving pictures from wedding magazines?
26. to ask Emily’s opinion of all the pictures
27. to save on the amount of paper in the recycling bin
28. to use the pictures to help get ideas for the wedding
29. to change mom and dad’s opinion of the type of cake they want
30. Read this sentence from the story.

**What did Katy mean? Suddenly, it dawned on her.**

What does the word *dawned* mean as used in the sentence above?

1. to see the sun
2. to understand
3. to be delighted
4. to slowly wonder
5. What is Emily’s MAIN problem in the story?
6. Emily is jealous of Katy getting married.
7. Emily wishes to be a flower girl but is not asked.
8. Emily does not like any of the pictures Katy shows her.
9. Emily wants a white cake but Bryan wants a chocolate cake.

Answer Key:

1. Correct Answer is C, DOK 2
2. Correct Answer is A, DOK 2
3. Correct Answer is A, DOK 3
4. Correct Answer is D, DOK 3
5. Correct Answer is D, DOK 2
6. Correct Answer is C, DOK 2
7. Correct Answer is D, DOK 1
8. Correct Answer is C, DOK 3
9. Correct Answer is B, DOK 2
10. Correct Answer is B, DOK 2